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Accused gunrunner flees

TAMPA, Fla. — Ernest R. Keiser — the man credited with luring ex-CIA agent Edwin Wilson back into the USA to face gunrunning charges — failed to appear for his fraud trial Tuesday, forfeiting \$1.25 million in bail. "It comes as a surprise to me," said Keiser's lawyer, William Aronwald. "What they've done is inexcusable." Aronwald said he believes Keiser and his wife are in Brazil; assistant U.S. Attorney Judy Hoyer said she believes Keiser is in Germany, where he may be a citizen. Aronwald said Keiser has worked for the U.S. Marshals Service — tricking Wilson into leaving Libya — and for the CIA. The CIA denies it.